

# Traits of Writing

*Putting it all together!*

## Ideas

are the main message.

Choose an interesting topic.  
Focus on what matters to you.

## Organization

is the structure of the piece.

Include a beginning, middle, and ending.

## Voice

is the person behind the words.

Make your writing sound like you. Show that you care about the topic.

## Word Choice

is the use of rich language.

Use precise language.  
Choose specific nouns and active verbs.

## Sentence Fluency

is the structure and flow of sentences.

Make your writing smooth and easy to read aloud.

## Conventions

are the rules that guide readers toward meaning.

Check spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.

## Presentation

is how the writing looks on the page.

Make the overall appearance pleasing to the eye.

